

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 110, April 07, 2020]

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL BENEFITS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 5(3), Article XVI of the Constitution provides that adequate remuneration and benefits for the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) shall be a prime concern of the State;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6975 or the "Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Act of 1990," as amended, provides that all uniformed personnel and/or their heirs shall be entitled to all benefits relative to their death or permanent incapacity;

WHEREAS, RA No. 6963 granted special financial assistance and benefits to the family or beneficiary of any police or military personnel or fireman killed or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their duty or by reason of their office or position;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 69 (s. 2018) granted financial support to the Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) / CAFGU Active Auxiliary (CAA) units in recognition of their indispensable role in maintaining local peace and order, and dealing with local security threats and armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, one of the strategies in attaining just and lasting peace in the Philippine Development Plan is to make government more responsive to peace, conflict and security issues, which may be achieved by providing the police, military and their support units, the rightful and reasonable benefits in the performance of their sworn duties to defend and secure the State and to maintain peace and order;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance and rationalize existing assistance and benefits given to police, military and their support units through a comprehensive social benefits program in recognition of their invaluable contribution to the pursuit of just and lasting peace; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices, as well as the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws do hereby order:

Section 1. Comprehensive Social Benefits Program (CSBP). The CSBP is hereby institutionalized as a mechanism to provide speedy, sustainable and rationalized social benefits and assistance to the military, police and their support units consisting of other uniformed personnel and CAFGU / CM (collectively referred

to as "covered personnel") who are killed or wounded in a legitimate action or operation sanctioned by the State, and their qualified beneficiaries.

The CSBP shall provide for different types of benefits and assistance, such as but not limited to: (a) special financial assistance; (b) scholarship assistance; (c) social welfare assistance; (d) health and medical care assistance; (e) shelter assistance; and (f) employment assistance.

Section 2. Coverage. The CSBP shall cover military and police forces who are: killed or wounded in legitimate action or operation sanctioned by the State, and their qualified beneficiaries. It shall also cover uniformed personnel of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), as well as members of the CAFGU / CAA of the AFP, who become casualties while in the performance of their respective duties in legitimate military or police operations, and their qualified beneficiaries.

Section 3. Definition of Terms.

a) Other uniformed personnel - refers to the personnel of the BJMP, BFP and PCG.

b) Killed-in-Action (KIA) — refers to a covered personnel killed in the line of duty in a legitimate combat operation, disaster response or search and rescue activities and/or related military action in support of police operations.

c) Killed-in-Police-Operation (KIPO) — refers to a covered personnel killed in a legitimate police operation,

d) Wounded-in-Action (W3A) — refers to a covered personnel wounded in the line of duty in a legitimate combat operation or related military action in support of police operations.

e) Wounded-in-Police-Operation (WIPO) — refers to a covered personnel wounded in a legitimate police operation.

f) Total Permanent Physical Disability (TPPD) — refers to *the* anatomical loss, or the permanent loss of use of one hand or both hands, or of one foot or loss of both feet or both legs, or one eye or both eyes or both eyes having only light perception, or of mental faculties or impairment of a physical function immediately resulting from the injury incurred during a legitimate combat operation or related military or police operations, and which renders such -covered personnel indefinitely incapable of substantially performing the mandated duties and functions of that personnel's position.

g) Beneficiary — refers to a dependent or survivor of a covered personnel who is eligible to receive benefits, as follows:

(i) Legal spouse of a married covered personnel, provided that, if they are legally separated by a judicial decree, it is not on grounds caused by or attributable to the receiving spouse;